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CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO HOLD DISTRICT MEETING HERE

The Sixth District Convention of the Christian Churches of Missouri will be held in Mexico May 2, 3, 4. This district comprises nineteen counties and over 150 persons are expected to attend the meetings.

The officers of the district organization are: President, W. G. Alcorn of Fulton; vice-president, J. B. Welton, Canton; secretary-treasurer, Geo. Peters, Canton; district superintendent, J. H. Stidham, Mexico. F. W. Emerson of Mexico is a member of the official board of the district.

Reports of the work in Audrain County will be made by H. F. Kern and Mrs. M. S. Carter. Among the speakers, who will be on the program are: J. H. Mohr of St. Louis, of the United Christian Missionary Society, who will make a talk on "Stewardship" and B. A. Abbott, St. Louis, editor of the Christian Evangelist, who will speak of "Christian Unity."

C. OF C. WILL RAISE ROAD FUND AGAIN

The Chamber of Commerce will attend the special service at the Christian church tonight at 7:30 and seats will be reserved for the members in a certain section.

The musical program at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Thursday noon was especially good. It included both vocal and instrumental numbers. The instrumentalists were Mrs. McBride, Miss Anna Guthrie and Bert Bunch. Ted Jones sang a number of popular songs most acceptably.

A motion was passed ordering the naming of a committee to collect a \$750 road fund to be used in road work for the organization this year. Last year \$1100 was used in the road fund.

Mr. Ross of the Western Union Telegraph Co., made a short talk to the organization.

SAYS MEXICO NEEDS NEW CITY HALL

The need of a new city hall for Mexico was emphasized by Mayor J. W. Gallaher in an interview granted to a Ledger representative Tuesday morning. In speaking of his plans for the city, Mr. Gallaher said he desired to make it possible for each person to discharge his duties with the greatest possible efficiency and this was impossible under the present conditions.

The present city hall is too small and utterly inadequate for the purpose for which it is being used. The mayor has no office and the quarters of the clerk and collector are inadequate. Mr. Gallaher wants a place where each city officer may have an office so that he may handle his work efficiently. It would be possible to have fewer persons discharge the work of the city if they were housed in a city hall which is modern.

The mayor spoke of this matter to the members of the council Monday evening and it is probable that some action will be taken soon, either toward finding other quarters or toward building a new city hall for Mexico.

GREAT ARTISTS' COURSE HERE NEXT YEAR

George May, head of the Hardin College conservatory of music, and who is responsible for the wonderful artist's course at Hardin this year is planning an equally notable course of music features for next season. He has already completed the preliminary arrangements.

The two features of the new course will be Fritz Kreisler, the world famous violinist, and John McCormack, the great singer. He will have other notable numbers also on the program.

TEXT BOOK IN AGRICULTURE SPEAKS OF FINE LIVE STOCK OF AUDRAIN

Audrain County has been known for its fine live stock for years and a book entitled "Types and Breeds of Farm Animals," which is now used as a text book in agriculture in many first class high schools recognizes this fact by placing the type of animals raised here.

It mentions Gerstade Jones and Wonder Buster Poland China hogs bought by Carter and Vanover for \$5000 and \$6000 respectively and also speaks of Rex McDonald as follows:

"Rex McDonald 833 by Rex Denmark 840 who died in his twenty-third year in 1913 was regarded not only as a perfect specimen of a gaited horse, but also the most impressive sire of his time."

MORE WORK IN AGRICULTURE FOR MCMILLAN

Interest in vocational agriculture, which has been part of the curriculum of McMillan High School for only three years, has grown so much that next year two more units or terms of the work will be offered. The proposition was submitted to the students in agriculture Wednesday and nine signified their intention of taking the work.

The appropriation made by the state for this purpose is the same as last year. The federal government will give \$900 toward the vocational agriculture teacher's salary, the state \$900 and the rest is paid by the local district. An allowance of \$200 for traveling expenses is also granted.

The course in the next two units which will be offered next year will be chosen by the students from the following subjects: Dairying, poultry raising, fruit growing, pork production, rural economics and farm management and beef production. This year work is being given in animal husbandry and last year instruction was given in farm crops and soils.

FORMER MEXICO MAN DIES IN KANSAS

Ed Holkamp received a message Tuesday telling of the death of his brother, John, in Hutchinson, Kas. The body will arrive in Mexico Wednesday for burial. This is the first intimation that Mr. Holkamp had had that his brother had been ill.

John Holkamp was born in Mexico thirty years ago and lived here until three years ago when he moved to Kansas. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Holkamp, who is living in Kansas and three brothers, Ed, Ben and Theodore of Mexico and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Wynn of Mexico and Mrs. Anna Giefer and Mrs. Elizabeth Pfeiffer who live in Kansas.

Mr. Holkamp will be remembered by a large circle of friends in Mexico, who will regret to hear of his death.

Arrangements have not yet been made for the funeral.

BONDS FOR SCHOOL HOUSE AT RUSH HILL CARRY TUESDAY

Bonds to the amount of \$4,800 were voted at Rush Hill Tuesday. It was also voted to maintain a third class high school at that place. The school house at Rush Hill burned several months ago and for awhile it was thought that a consolidated school would be built there. The proposition was submitted to the voters and defeated.

The A. O. U. W. has rented the hall in the Kennan building on the north side of the square and made it into one of the nicest in the city. William Hill is the head of the local lodge.

Permanent Highways

Last week we wrote a short editorial on good roads. This week, considering the condition of the highways, the subject is certainly timely.

Farmers have been forced to use four horses to travel over the highways because of the serious mud holes that mark them. A Skinner resident told us this week that the worst section of road between Skinner and Mexico was on the Gauthorn Hill just a mile out of this city.

All of which is water on the wheel of the man who desires permanently improved roads close to Mexico and in all parts of the county as well.

The farm to market roads must be passable every day in the year if the farmer is to prosper.

L. Mitchell White



FARM CLUB NEWS

FARM CLUB MEETINGS
(Send us your dates)

CEDAR GROVE FARM CLUB—Every Thursday night.

BEAVER DAM FARM CLUB—Every Friday night.

Molino meets every other Friday night.

CANADA—Meets first Monday night each month at 7:30. W. H. Batterson Secretary.

MACE DONIA—First and third Wednesdays.

PISGAH—First and third Tuesdays.

PINE—First and third Mondays.

DANIEL—First and third Tuesdays.

FOX—First and Third Friday nights. D. Miller, President, John O'Brien, Secretary.

PAYNE—Every second and fourth Friday nights.

OAK GROVE—Third Monday night of each month.

ELM BEND—First Monday night of each month.

GATEWOOD—President Lewis Callaway, secretary F. L. McGee.

BENTON CITY—Starting February 9th meets Thursday night every two weeks.

LIBERTY—Meets First and Third Wednesday evening of each month. Lon Smith, president; Martellus Barnes, sec'y.

PAYNE—Second and Fourth Friday nights.

JACKSON, 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights.

HICKORY GROVE—Every other Wednesday night. Carver Brown, President, Carl Renner, secretary.

CORNETT—Every other Friday night. Curtis Houchin, president; Sherman Howell, secretary.

CAUTION—Second and fourth Friday nights. L. J. Gollon, president; W. J. Kennedy, secretary.

The Benton City farmers' club meets twice a month at the school house.

Erismen meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Pres. F. S. Skelley; Sec'y Robert Ray.

BRYAN meets 4th Tuesday each month. Pres. Ross Ewing, Sec'y. Marion Boulware.

LIKES THE LEDGER AND ITS FARM AND CLUB COLUMNS

March 16, 1922

R. M. White & Son,

Dear Sir:—

I enclose check for subscription. Please excuse delay.

I am pleased with the increasing space you are giving to local farm news. It helps your paper as well as the organized activities of rural life.

Respectfully,

WALTER S. BOYD,
Secretary Vandellia Farmers Elevator and Supply Co.
Vandellia, Mo.

Mrs. Duncan Major underwent an operation Thursday morning.

Robert Hughes of Wellsville and Patsy Connelly and Curtis Cobb of Middletown were operated on Wednesday afternoon.

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SAYS INCREASED BUILDING MEANS PROSPERITY

The increased amount of building which is going on in Mexico this spring has been pointed out by the Ledger as indication of returning prosperity. This opinion is borne out by an article by George Wheeler Hinman, editor of the Chicago Herald-Examiner.

Mr. Hinman points out the fact that in ordinary times about 2,250,000 working men get their living their wages, the money spent in the retail stores by their families out of the nation's building industry; about 200,000 contractors get their profits and about 125,000 professional men—architects, engineers, etc., get their commission and fees. When the industry is half idle half of these 2,000,000 men do not get money and so do not spend it. But this is just half of the story. This number does not include the large army of men who are kept busy supplying these materials.

All told there are 5,500,000 men in the United States whose prosperity is bound up in the building business. If the building business is prosperous this number will have money to spend and the benefits of this buying power can hardly be calculated.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FINISHES HEARINGS

The Audrain Board of Equalization finished its hearings here Tuesday and Wednesday began adjusting valuations of property in various parts of the county.

MEMBERS OF BOARD OF HEALTH CHOSEN BY CITY COUNCIL

The members of the Board of Health were elected by the City Council Tuesday. They are: Fred Peck, H. Ed. Paul, F. J. Weaver and B. F. Haskell. One member of the Board is chosen from each ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Snedaker, of Higbee, were in Mexico Thursday.

Mrs. W. F. Ramsey went to Fulton Wednesday to visit Mrs. W. H. Rixey for a few days.

Opens Blacksmith Shop.

E. A. Beahan has opened his horseshoeing and blacksmith shop at Middleton's barn.

IS URGED TO BE CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Friends of Judge W. W. Botts, who has served two terms in the State Legislature are urging him to allow his name to be used as a candidate for re-election. It is still about six weeks until the names of candidates must be made public and Judge Botts has not yet fully made up his mind whether he will be a candidate or not.

During his two terms in the House of Representatives he has made a number of friends in the capitol and accomplished much in a House in which his party was in the minority. The Republicans out numbering the Democrats with a ratio of three to one during his last term.

It will be greatly to the advantage of the people of the State if the legislators for the next two years are men of experience in the governmental affairs and acquainted with the needs of the State as it is probable that there will be a new constitution to deal with. For this reason Judge Botts feels that it is his duty to be a candidate.

J. T. HUTTS DIES HERE TUESDAY

J. T. Hutts died Tuesday night after an illness of about three weeks. Mr. Hutts was born near Readsview, Callaway County, May 14, 1841 where he grew to manhood. He was married to Louvina Boone Crump September 13, 1868 who died about eighteen months ago.

To them were born five children all of whom are living. They are: Mrs. William Dorman, Centralia; Mrs. Hiram Frank of Oklahoma City; T. B. Hutts of Houston, Tex.; Mrs. F. J. Getty Jennings, La.; and Miss Eliza Hutts, who lived with her father.

Mr. Hutts united with the Christian Church about sixty years ago and has lived a consistent Christian life. He has always been a generous, noble citizen in all things that were for the betterment of the community, a loving husband and a loyal friend and neighbor.

The funeral will be conducted at the home on South Clark street at 10 o'clock Thursday morning by the Rev. F. W. Emerson and the Rev. J. D. Greer. Burial will be in Elmwood. The pallbearers will be: James Heintz, J. D. Harding, eFry Riggs, Robert Boyd, William Wayne and Chas. Heintz.

The many friends of Mr. Hutts will join the Ledger in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mexico Firms Are Awarded Big Contracts

Contracts were let Tuesday for three new buildings to be erected at the University of Missouri. They are an agricultural building, a women's gymnasium and a chemistry building and will all be located on the East Campus.

The electrical work for all three buildings will be done by the Greer-Henn Electrical Company and the work of installing weatherstrips by W. J. Offutt of Mexico.

The high opinion in which the business houses of Mexico are held in all places in the State and the excellent railroad facilities make it possible for Mexico firms to compete with business houses of St. Louis and Kansas City.

TEACHERS OF RURAL SCHOOLS SIGN CONTRACTS FOR THE COMING YEAR

A. B. Shattuck of Cedar Grove, Miss Bernice Weiland of Bryan School and Miss Mary Turner of Friendship have signed contracts to teach next year in the same schools.

W. E. Reavis to Build.

W. E. Reavis of this city bought two acres off the farm formerly owned by Judge Theo. Brac, near Paris last week, paying \$375 per acre for the plot. He will build on it soon.

THOMAS M. GILL DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Thomas McElderry Gill died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Earl Carter at 12 o'clock, noon, Sunday.

Mr. Gill was born in St. Louis County on Sept. 13, 1838, where his father was a successful business man. In 1855 Mr. Gill entered the firm of Bridge, Beach and Company in St. Louis. In 1875 he came to Mexico and became a partner in the firm of Gill and Garrett, dealers in agriculture implements.

In 1878 he was married to Miss Mollie A. Brooks and to them were born five children, all of whom are living. The yare: Elizabeth and John Jr. of St. Louis; Thomas M. Gill, Jr., Et Centro, Cal.; Frances and Mrs. Earl Carter of Mexico.

Besides his wife and children he leaves a sister, Mrs. O. W. Gans of Greeley, Colo.; and two brothers, R. W. and eGeorge M. Gill of St. Louis.

During the many years he was engaged in business Mr. Gill made a large number of friends who will join the Ledger in extending sympathy to the relatives. He was the soul of honor in his business relations and a most devoted father and loyal friend. He was member of the Presbyterian Church and always took an active part in the affairs of that body.

The funeral services were held at 3:30 Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church conducted by the Rev. A. A. Wallace. The pall bearers were: Judge Alex Carter, Sam Locke, Wallace eDaring, R. M. White, John Abbey and George Adams.

MUSIC CLUBS TO MEET HERE APRIL 24-26

About one hundred are expected to attend the convention of the Missouri Federation of Music Clubs which will be held in Mexico April 24, 25 and 26.

The first day will be devoted to junior contests. About forty children have already signed up for the contests which will include piano, violin and musicianship which comprises ear training, harmony and other things. Two hundred and fifty dollars will be given as prizes in these contests. In the afternoon the guests will be entertained at tea at the home of Mrs. John O'Rear and in the evening will attend the concert of Miss Ottilie Schilling at Hardin College.

Tuesday will be a full day. In the morning reports will be made by the officers and delegates and an address on "The Child and Music" will be made by Miss Alice Pettingill of St. Louis.

In the afternoon there will be a symposium on "What the Federation has Meant to Me" by the following speakers: Mrs. J. H. Rodas of St. Louis, Mrs. Cora Lyman, state president of the federation, Miss Pettingill and Mrs. Abbie Snoddy.

Mrs. Dorothy Gaynor Blake of Webster Groves will give a program of her own compositions following the symposium. Mrs. Blake is the daughter of Mrs. Jessie Gayner who is a noted composer and Mrs. Blake herself has studied for a number of years abroad under Rudolph Ganz and is rapidly making a name in the musical world.

Following Mrs. Blake's program, Mrs. F. N. Henderson will give a musical reading, "The Witch's Song" by Max Schilling.

At 6 o'clock Tuesday evening the guests will be entertained at a banquet at the Tea Shop.

Tuesday night there will be the club recital at which each club in the federation will be represented on the program.

Wednesday morning there will be a lecture on "Public School Music" by Miss Maude Wallace and an address by William John Hall of St. Louis. Following the address Miss Martha Fletcher's violin ensemble class will give several selections.

The Monday Music Club will sing the Peer Gynt Suite in the afternoon and the convention will close with a business session.

All the sessions will be held at the Methodist Church and the public is cordially invited to attend.

T. P. Harrison of Fulton came to Mexico Sunday.

READ LEDGER Advertisements.

ROTARY CLUB WILL SPONSOR BOY SCOUTS

The Rotary Club voted Friday to sponsor the entire Boy Scout organization in Mexico. The club will form part of the central council, three committeemen for each troop being Rotarians. When the organization is perfected there will be five troops, four of the regular scouts and one of juniors, being those too young to qualify for scouts.

Much interest is being taken in the scout movement by the boys of Mexico. The organization will have a band. The first rehearsal was held Thursday with nine pieces.

W. C. Stewart will give an egg hunt Easter afternoon to the Boy Scouts on his farm near the Country Club.

FORMER MEXICO GIRL DIES IN CHICAGO

Mrs. Harry Goodman, of Topeka, Kas., who was Miss Blanch Elliott, of this city, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. R. E. Elliott, in Chicago, Sunday. She was buried in this city Tuesday morning at 10:30 with a short service at the grave by the Rev. W. C. Cowart.

Mrs. Goodman, who will be remembered as one of Mexico's prettiest and most accomplished young women, is a sister of Al Elliott, of this city, and until recently had been living at Holden, Kas. Shortly after moving to Topeka she was taken ill with the influenza and when some better asked that she be taken to her mother's in Chicago.

She is survived by a daughter and her husband. Mrs. Goodman was a devout member of the Methodist church, 48 years old having been born in England. She has been married 15 years. Her death will sadden many old friends in this city. The Ledger joins in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

Mexico Couple Are Married Here Sunday

The marriage of Miss Frankie Peters to Clifford James took place at 5:30 Sunday afternoon at the Christian Church in the presence of a few relatives and friends. The service was read by the Rev. F. M. Emerson. Following the ceremony the young couple was entertained at dinner at the home of Mrs. O. Hansen. They will make their home with Mr. James' mother on South Olive.

Mrs. James is employed at the Bell Telephone office and Mr. James at Llewellyn's Drug Store. Both are splendid young people and above a host of friends in Mexico.

The Ledger extends sincere congratulations and best wishes.

STUDENTS IN FARM MACHINERY AT MCMILLAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDY CARS

The students in farm shop work at McMillan High School were busy during the auto, truck and tractor show held here last week studying the various types of machinery. Each student was given a card listing the different types of the parts of the engines and filled it in from his personal observation of the cars displayed.

SOUTH END OF FULTON BRANCH RAILROAD CLOSED SATURDAY

Traffic on the south end of the Fulton branch of the Chicago and Alton Railroad was closed Saturday because of four lands slides between Fulton and Cedar City. Section men worked on the slides Saturday morning and a work train was started from Mexico in the afternoon to help. The south-bound passenger train came to Fulton Saturday morning but turned around and went back to Mexico.

Mrs. Emma Sharp is making her home with her brother, A. E. Luckie.

J. A. Sutton of Farber was a Mexico visitor Wednesday.

Thomas Greer of Farber transacted business in Mexico Wednesday.